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FEDERAL-LOCAL COOPERATION YIELDS ANOTHER MUNCIE FEDERAL INDICTMENT

Gun charge is part of effort to help take "worst of the worst" off of Muncie streets

PRESS RELEASE

MUNCIE - Joseph H. Hogsett, United States Attorney, announced today that Muncie resident Angela Burke, 35, has been indicted by a federal grand jury and charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. The indictment follows an investigation by officers of the Yorktown, Gaston, and Muncie Police Departments, as well as the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives.

"Together with law enforcement from across Delaware County, we are sending a serious message with these indictments that the days of using our local jails as a revolving door are over," Hogsett said. "As part of our ongoing Violent Crime Initiative, we are targeting repeat offenders and taking these 'worst of the worst' elements off our streets."

The indictment alleges that on May 20, 2011, Burke possessed a Glock .45 caliber handgun and .357 caliber ammunition as a convicted felon. The indictment states that in 2007 Burke was convicted in Delaware County of cocaine possession and escape.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Will McCoskey, who is prosecuting the case for the United States, Burke faces up to ten years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. Burke could also face up to three years of supervised release after incarceration. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a United States Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.